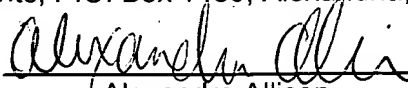


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PARCEL RETURNS SHIPPING MANAGEMENT
Grp./Div. : 3629
Examiner : Plucinski, Jaminue A.
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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This Amendment and Response is filed in reply to the Office Action, dated January 6, 2009, regarding the above-identified application. The Office Action set a three-month period for reply, namely, April 6, 2009. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment and Response is timely filed because it is filed before the expiration of April 6, 2009. Reconsideration of the application in view of the Amendments and the Response and Remarks below is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Response and Remarks begin on page 16 of this paper.